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News Release

MANITOWOC MAN FOUND GUILTY OF EXPORTING RESTRICTED ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS TO CHINA

MILWAUKEE — The United States Attorney's Office announced yesterday that a jury in Federal Court in Milwaukee, Wis., convicted Ning Wen, 56, of Manitowoc, to nine counts of conspiring to export more than \$500,000 in restricted electronic components to the People's Republic of China. The charges also include money laundering and making false statements to the FBI.

U.S. Attorney Steven M. Biskupic stated, "The case involved the export of restricted electronic components that had a wide variety of uses including military radar and communications applications. The verdict helps insure the security of the United States."

Biskupic also commends all the federal agencies that helped with the investigation of this case: the FBI, the U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Export Enforcement, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and the Internal Revenue Service's Criminal Investigation Division. The Manitowoc Police Department also assisted.

The other defendants in the case have all pleaded guilty before District Judge William C. Griesbach:

- Hailin Lin, 56, the wife of Wen, will be sentenced Oct. 7.
- Jian Guo Qu, 45, a male citizen of the People's Republic of China employed at the Beijing Rich Linscience Electronic Company, was sentenced July 26 to 48 months in prison and a \$2,000 fine.
- Ruo Ling Wang, 39, wife of Qu; also a citizen of the People's Republic of China employed at the Beijing Rich Linscience Electronic Company, was sentenced to time served while in custody seven months and a \$1,500 fine.

Wen faces up to 25 years in prison. A sentencing date has not been scheduled. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Michelle Jacobs and Erica O'Neil prosecuted this case.

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